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## A SUPREME MOMENT

Will the Death of Canovas Mean Triumph for the Radicals?

## SAGASTA HIS PROBABLE SUCCESSOR

An Entire Change of Spain's Cuban Policy Likely to Be the Result.

All true-hearted Americans are longing to see Cuba free and they will rejoice to hear of Senor Sagasta's being made premier of Spain.

He is said to be a humane man, with the people's interest at heart, and would most probably put a stop to the atrocities in Cuba. Mayer & Pettit would rejoice mightily to see the day of Cuba's independence—to see the flag of freedom float over the "Pearl of the Antilles."

The sovereign people will always rule the world. Senor Sagasta's death is a tragedy, but he is not the man to rule the world, because he happens to be "born in the purple," but he must sooner or later bow to the will of the people.

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## GOMPERS TO TAKE CHARGE

He Will Conduct the Strikers' Fight in West Virginia.

## TO DEFEY THE INJUNCTIONS

Says He is Common With All Other American Citizens Has the Right of Free Speech and That No Court Can Take That Constitutional Right Away.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 10.—The monetary that has characterized the miners' strike so far promises to be broken once. President Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, is here today in conference with President Hatchford and will leave tonight for West Virginia, where he will become field marshal for the organizers now in that State.

Under his leadership they will speak and act in defiance of the injunctions issued against them. "If they do," said a prominent official of the miners today, "I predict that they will be arrested and the question will be fought out in the courts."

Mr. Gompers said to a correspondent: "I shall endeavor to show the miners of West Virginia that the interests of all coal diggers are mutual, and it is their duty now to suspend labor."

Asked about the injunctions against him, he said that he feared nothing from them. He believed that they were secured for a "scare" by the operators. He felt sure that the miners would win the strike. "Their success," said he, "is the only solution of the mining problem. Miners' wages had been going down for over and lower each year until the limit had been reached. The operators might as well accept the inevitable and accept the minimum wage scale offered."

Asked what he would do if arrested, he said: "I do not expect to be arrested. I believe, with the governor of West Virginia, that I have the right of free speech and peaceable assembly on the highways, and no court has the power to take that right away from me. No, I do not anticipate that anyone will try to deprive me of these rights of an American citizen."

## THE VIRGINIA CONVENTION

Democrats Assembling for Purpose of Nominating State Officers.

The State That Will Probably Go Through Without Difficulty—Chicago Platform.

Roanoke, Va., Aug. 10.—Large delegations have been putting in to the State Democratic convention here all day. The feature of the convention seems to be the absence of any effort for the position of lieutenant governor. A hot fight for the office of attorney general has developed.

The Democratic State committee met tonight and elected the following temporary officers of the convention for tomorrow: Chairman, Hon. Greenlee B. Letcher, of Rockbridge; Secretary, Col. John Bell Biggar, of Richmond; sergeant-at-arms, William McBurnett, of Roanoke.

The convention will induce free silver. The platform will be drawn up by Senator Daniel, who is chairman of the resolutions committee. United States Senator Martin wants to be State chairman, but it is very probable that he will be turned down and J. Taylor Ellison, the incumbent, re-elected.

Late tonight the following slate was made up: For Governor, J. Hore Taylor of Pulaski; lieutenant governor, Edward Echols, of Stanton; attorney general, W. H. Mann, of Nottoway.

## FUSION NOW COMPLETE.

All the Anti-Hanna Forces Now United in Ohio.

Columbus, Ohio, Aug. 10.—The State central committee of the silver Republican organization held a meeting here today.

The committee endorsed the Democratic State ticket and platform.

## Most Popular Saturday Excursion.

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# The



# Times

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## ON THE WAY TO MADRID

Body of Spain's Dead Premier Taken From Santa Agueda.

## THE QUEEN REGENT'S SORROW

Her Letter of Condolence to Senora Canovas—Goli to Be Tried Under the Military Code—Numerous Arrests Probable—The Intense Grief of the Bereaved Wife.

Madrid, Aug. 10.—The body of the prime minister was placed on a train at Santa Agueda tonight and is to arrive in this city at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning. The coffin inclosing the remains was covered with a large number of wreaths.

The body was removed from the baths, where the assassination took place, to the railway station on a car drawn by four horses. It was escorted by a detachment of chasseurs, who were headed by the Duke de Sotomayor, the chief major domo of the court, who represented the Queen Regent. Senora Canovas accompanies her husband's body to Madrid.

Shortly after the death of the prime minister, the Queen Regent wrote a letter to Senora Canovas, in which, after affectionately sympathizing with her in her bereavement, she said:

"I, too, have suffered a heavy loss. I have lost a loyal counselor, who helped me and of whose help I had so much need. The eminent services he rendered my husband entitled him to all my respect, and the later sacrifices which he made for the throne bound him closely to me. His country and history will do him justice."

At a meeting held this evening the cabinet decided that the assassin, Goli, should be tried under the provisions of the military code.

The Correspondencia de Espana attaches importance to the arrest at Zamarraga of a foreigner whose name is not known, but who is suspected of being an accomplice of Goli. Numerous arrests of this kind will doubtless be made every day now.

Senor Castellar, the Republican leader, was interviewed on the political situation today. Referring to a report that he might be summoned to form a cabinet, he declared that he would only accept the post of prime minister in a Republican government. He said he was of the opinion that he could better serve his country outside of the government, and added that he would recommend Senor Sagasta, the Liberal leader, for the post if he could be assured of the support of the Conservatives.

Senora Canovas preserved the unnatural calm that marked her conduct immediately after the killing of her husband until today. She refused to take food or rest, and watched beside the body for two nights. She directed all the arrangements for the removal of the body to Madrid and discussed the details of the journey. Tonight, however, when she started to follow the coffin to the railway station, she broke down and lost control of herself, weeping bitterly. She was attended by physicians, but her tears afforded her as much relief as their ministrations.

## AWAITING NEWS FROM SPAIN.

## State Department Has Received No Further Official Advice.

At the State Department it was said yesterday that no further information concerning the assassination of Senor Canovas had been received, although an acknowledgment of the message of sympathy called yesterday by instruction of the President is expected at any time.

The officials profess to know nothing further than newspaper reports concerning the political disorder in Spain, but guardedly admit that these reports must be believed until official reports discredit them. It will not be surprising if Minister Taylor, within a very brief time, sends a long cipher dispatch, describing as accurately as possible the situation in Spain and its relation to this country and Cuba. It is thought that Minister Taylor will not wait for Gen. Woodford, his successor, to do this, for the State Department that no dispatch had been received from Consul General Lee, describing the reception of the news of the death of Senor Canovas, and that such a message is expected and not denied. It is possible that Gen. Lee may be heard from today, but it is not at all probable that the State Department will make public the information he will send.

## WOODFORD IN NO HURRY.

## Our New Minister Delaying His Journey to Madrid.

It is unofficially stated by certain officials connected with the State Department that Gen. Woodford, our new minister to Spain, will not be in any haste to reach Madrid. It is somewhat difficult at this distance to thoroughly understand the temper of the Spanish people in connection with the assassination of the prime minister, and it is believed to be the part of wisdom for Minister Taylor to remain at Madrid until the excitement has died down and the indignation of the people has been softened by the lapse of time.

## Should Minister Woodford reach Madrid he could do nothing until he had been officially received and properly accredited as the representative in Spain of the United States.

It would not be good form in this Government to press forward its new minister during the period of mourning for the death of Canovas. It is probable that the Queen Regent and her court will return at once from San Sebastian to the capital, owing to the cabinet crisis. Minister Woodford, will, therefore, it is said, await the return of the Queen and the quieting of the popular pulse before presenting his credentials and relieving Hannals Taylor.

Meanwhile, Gen. Woodford will travel by easy stages from London through France and reach Madrid at a later day than originally intended.

## British Steamer Stranded.

London, Aug. 10.—The British steamer Justin, from Philadelphia for Sango, is stranded on Wheaton Rock, outside of Sango Bay. She lies in a precarious position.

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## THE LAST RESORT.



"Quit your quarrelling, boys, and fire balls at Uncle Sam!"

## MUST STAND BY THEIR GUNS

New York Bryan Democrats Organize a State Committee.

## REASONS FOR THE ACTION

It is for the purpose of compelling the Regular Organization to Re-affirm the Chicago Platform and Name a Candidate in Full Sympathy With It.

New York, Aug. 10.—It is reported that the Bryan Democrats of the State have organized an independent State committee, and this committee will meet for organization at the Empire Hotel, Syracuse, on Thursday next.

This step was determined upon on July 8 at a conference presided over by Hon. O. L. Snyder, of Buffalo. Democrats from all over the State were at the conference, which was held at the Gerlach, this city, and it was decided to organize in every assembly district of the State. It was decided to print pamphlet blanks in other languages than English, to make assembly district organizations, and to centralize the followers of Bryan that the regular State committee would be compelled to reaffirm the Chicago platform and to name a candidate for the chief judgeship of the court of appeals committed to all the doctrines of that instrument.

Since the Gerlach meeting fifty delegates have been chosen to the State committee.

The State committee will be formally organized on Thursday. The organization, which is to be known as the Loyal Democratic League, has no desire to go further than to force the Bill-Murphy machine to unequivocal reaffirmation of the Chicago platform. An address to be sent to each member of the regular State committee will call upon the State committee to endorse Bryan or take the consequences of a revolt and a second ticket for the court of appeals judgeship. One of the delegates today gave a reporter a copy of a resolution which will be offered. It says in part:

"Resolved, That we are in full and hearty accord with the Democratic State and national platforms of 1896, and that we hereby strenuously urge the State committee to reaffirm these platforms, and earnestly request said committee to nominate an able and capable candidate for chief justice of the court of appeals, who fully indorses the principles therein enumerated, and who heartily supports the candidates nominated thereon in 1896."

## BRYAN'S MEXICAN TRIP.

He Wants to Address That People in Their Own Language.

Topeka, Kan., Aug. 10.—At the headquarters of the allied silver forces of Kansas a request has just been received from W. J. Bryan for copies of all the documents and statistical tables relating to the silver question in Mexico, and also for textbooks giving the necessary instructions for acquiring a knowledge of the Spanish language.

Mr. Bryan expects to visit Mexico in October and is preparing an address on the money question, which he hopes to be able to deliver in the Spanish language. He is to make a special study of the financial conditions of the two countries and endeavor

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## LUCAS BEHIND THE BARS

Bessie Gladmon's Assailant Is Captured Near Georgetown.

## CLAIMS HE MEANT NO HARM

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London, Aug. 10.—Some of the papers have given prominence to the position taken by Secretary of State Sherman and print long special, quoting American comments on the statements made by him in the interview held with him on the death of Senor Canovas, concurrently alluding to his recent anti-British outbursts. The Daily News, in an editorial on the subject, says:

"Current events show that we did not miscalculate in leaving the Secretary to the justice of his own countrymen. The symptoms in his case certainly tend to support a belief in his sanity."

## WAS IT ANDREE'S BALLOON?

## Sea Captain Says He Passed One Near North Cape.

It Had Collapsed From Loss of Gas—Sighted It Two Days After Andree Started.

London, Aug. 10.—A dispatch to the Daily Mail from Copenhagen says that Capt. Mortensen, of the bark Angar, which has arrived at Omega, a port of Russia, eighty-five miles southwest of Archangel, has sent a brief dispatch to the effect that on July 13, two days after Andree started from Dane's Island by a balloon in an attempt to reach the North Pole, he passed at a distance of one hundred yards a black balloon which had collapsed from loss of gas.

The place where the balloon was seen was two days' journey to the eastward of North Cape.

Capt. Mortensen adds that for some time before the balloon was sighted the wind had been blowing strong from the north.

## MAY CAUSE A VAST STRIKE.

## What Might Happen if Right of Free Speech Is Denied.

Columbus, O., Aug. 10.—If President Gompers is arrested in West Virginia the case of the miners will be made one with the interests of a million of more laboring men whom Gompers directly represents and undoubtedly a call will be made to them to lay down their tools and stop work until he is released and the right of free speech and peaceable assembly in the highways conceded by the courts.

President Hatchford and Secretary Pearce admitted this afternoon this was a part of the plan.

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William Lucas, the fifty-year-old white man who attempted to criminally assault Bessie Gladmon, the eight-year-old daughter of J. H. Gladmon, No. 938 H street southwest, was arrested yesterday morning by Policemen McGill Grove, of the Seventh precinct, on the Canal road, near Green Springs.

A simple charge of assault was entered on the Fourth precinct blotter opposite the name of Lucas, but the evidence in the case will be submitted to the district attorney this morning, and it is thought appear that there is a sufficiency of facts to hold him for attempted criminal assault the latter charge will be substituted.

As was supposed, soon after his flight Lucas sought his old haunts in Georgetown. He was formerly a canal man and also had relatives living in Georgetown. Lucas first went to the house of his cousin on G street, between Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth streets, and here spent the night. About daylight he left the house and started out the canal road. Several persons recognized Lucas, and the police were notified of his whereabouts. Patrolman Grove started out after him, while Sergeant Daley and Patrolman Carlin, of the Fourth precinct, were not far behind. When Grove came up with Lucas, the latter had just come from a bar-room, where he had purchased a bottle of beer.

He sent her across the street to buy some apples and upon her return tried to coax her into the house. In this he failed, and then, after looking to see if anyone was near, he determined to carry out his object, whatever it might have been, in the front part of the room. He was on the door step and held the girl in such a suspicious manner that Mrs. Gladmon, looking out of the window, immediately realized the state of affairs. She screamed and frightened him from his purpose. He went into the house and locked the door.

Mr. Gladmon returned soon after, and when told of the occurrence knocked Lucas down, and would have hit him with a pail, wrenched from the fence had not Mrs. Gladmon interfered. Lucas then made off, but was captured, as related above.

## A DEMOCRATIC GAIN.

## Griffith's Majority Will Exceed That of Holman Several Hundred.

Columbus, Ind., Aug. 10.—Returns from the Fourth Congressional district election from thirty-two out of thirty-five precincts of Bartholomew county give Griffith, Democrat, a net gain of 151 over Holman last fall. Returns from four other counties give Griffith a net gain of 200 over Lee. The indications are that Griffith carried the district by 1,500.

## Another Gold Discovery.

Deadwood, S.D., Aug. 10.—Another body of rich gold ore has been uncovered in the famous Ragged Top mine. The ore, which assays \$10.48 a ton, will keep the present force of miners at work for many months.

Today is visiting day at St. Elizabeth Insane Asylum. Take new electric line from Navy Yard bridge via Capital Traction and Anacostia cars.

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## SWEPT BY WIND AND RAIN

A Furious Forty-Minute Storm of Thunder and Lightning.

## CONSIDERABLE DAMAGE DONE

The City Flooded by a Phenomenal Rainfall—Lightning Strikes Trees and Paralyzes Electric Lights and Car Lines—Fire Alarm Boxes Burned Out.

The furious storm which swept over the city last night at a hurricane velocity was remarkable both for its spectacular and noisy features and for its material effects. It reminded one very much of the September cyclone of a year ago, which also came up in the night and rocked the city from turret to foundation. Last night's storm was, however, the most picturesque electrical exhibition of several years. Fuller reports may show considerable damage to have been done by the storm.

It began to gather in the west and northwest about dark, after which the sheet lightning came nearer and nearer, the artillery became louder and louder, until about 8:15, when the rolling, flashing "water-came" over the Potomac and burst upon the city.

It would be easy to exhaust the terminology of sunshine, rain, thunder and lightning storms on this particular terror, which literally and figuratively rattled the city from river to boundary. The intensity got up on his hind legs for a continuous performance, and the way he fired blazing bolts with that red right hand of his was quite enough to make people ponder on the weather. The old man unlimbered none but his thirteen-inch guns and he trained them all on Washington. While he made what is known as a hot time for the old town, it was slightly out of range. He hit Brightwood and Alexandria, but Washington escaped with a few burns and bruises. Otherwise the storm was sublime and beautiful, but not dangerous. From 8:10 p. m. until 8:50 p. m. there was almost an incessant roar of thunder and thunderous echoes, while ten, twelve, twenty times a minute magnificent flashes lit up the whole town, rolling, rattling world.

And the wind and rain they came together. Jove did not merely weep, as the weather reporters say. He just gushed. He turned on every hose on the premises. The wind, although headed up to the roof with millions of tons of water, went through the streets from west to east like a loose fire, although that metaphor is slightly crossed, as they said about the telephone wires. Usually this kind of rain is described as sheets of water. It was more like crazy quilts or army blankets.

At the Weather Bureau the rainfall was reported as 1.57 inches from 8:10 p. m. to 8:50 p. m. This was not exactly cloud-burst measure, but it gives no idea of the accumulations of this rain water on the streets. The total fall was 1.90, the greatest recorded for forty minutes in this vicinity. The water dripped under water, and on Pennsylvania avenue the cable cars played the pommel to perfection. On board the cars any place in the city one experienced the sensation of a sea voyage.

The wind carried away nearly all of the trees with defective trunks, of which there were two or three instances on Pennsylvania avenue. The ravage in this respect was marked by many prostrate trees in the northwest.

The floods on the streets, whipped up by the wind, gathered immense piles of sand and let them go into the side streets north and south. At several places the sidewalks were ruined, and especially in the northeast, where the sand and clay washed away from the pavements, and left the bricks to cling to each other. A good example of this sort of the storm was noted at the northwest corner of Fourteenth and F streets, where the water-logging was complete at the new building in course of construction there. At the Baltimore and Potomac depot the waters were raised four and five inches deep, and in general all of the city south of the Avenue, to which the floods gravitated. The lower and middle portions of the Smithsonian and Agricultural grounds were sheets of water, like the overflow of rivers, in which the forests tell the depth of the flood.

A two-inch rainfall in less than a half hour means, of course, the flooding of the streets. The reverse was true at Willard's Hotel, where one of the leader pipes being choked, the water flooded the office floor and injured the ceiling. A big force of hands were, however, sent to work, so that there would be no annoyance to the guests.

At the telegraph companies' headquarters they spoke of the storm as local, as shown by the fact that the only breaking or fixing of wires was in this vicinity. The Postal Telegraph people said that much and west the wires were all right, but that there was a break south, possibly between here and Alexandria. At the Western Union Company's offices they said that the wires, except here and there in the city, were in good working order, the slight delay being caused by local breaks.

While the storm was very entertaining while it lasted, it was as short and sharp as some of its lightning peals. In less than half an hour after the first great gun, the sound of the strife was far off in the East, where the sheet lightning flashed for an hour or more, and every now and then came back the sullen roar of a distant peal of the retreating thunder.

These thunder showers are good things. They clear up the physical atmosphere. All the physicians say that when a city is washed out after being up to dry, as was Washington last night, there will be very little danger of typhoid fever. It clears the surface and it flushes out naturally the surface drains.

The drop in temperature during the storm was twenty degrees, making the night very sweet and salubrious.

A summary of the storm's damage in Washington and suburbs follows:

The house of Mr. George Jones, Brightwood, was struck and fired by the lightning. Engine 13 responded promptly, and the flames were soon extinguished. The lightning struck the roof, entered a bedroom, and thence to the parlor, in which Mrs. Jones was walking to and fro with the baby. The lightning passed with two.

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